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BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Beaverton Police Department Traffic Unit and two individual officers received awards during the 2004 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference held in Wilsonville, Oregon, on Thursday, September 23.

The Beaverton Police Department Traffic Unit received the “2004 Oregon Transportation Safety Award” for their enforcement and education efforts in the areas of seat belt use and child safety seats. The Traffic Unit issued over 2,000 seatbelt violations during the first six months of 2004. The Traffic Unit also conducted over 20 child safety seat clinics which resulted in the proper installation of 889 child safety seats. The Traffic Unit is dedicated to proactive problem solving on traffic related issues and education of traffic safety in the Beaverton community.

Officer Jeffrey Debolt received a “2004 Oregon Transportation Safety Award” for individual educational outreach. He was recognized for being instrumental in the development of the Oregon DPSST certified “First Responder” training class and

is one of only two officers in Oregon that are both ACTAR (Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction) accredited and a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) instructor. Officer Debolt was commended for performing his daily traffic duties with honor and professionalism and for his dedication to education by sharing his knowledge with high school students, citizens, fellow officers, and officer instructors. Officer Debolt has taught high school driver education and has conducted numerous Simulated Live Action Melodrama (SLAM) programs. Officer Debolt is also a member of the Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART).

Officer Sean Todd received a “2004 Looking Beyond the Traffic Ticket Award” for his contact with three individuals inside of a vehicle, stopped along Highway 217. Officer Todd was awaiting the arrival of a cover officer when the front passenger got out of the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. This individual was apprehended and taken into custody a short time later. Officer Todd checked for warrants on the individual and determined he was wanted for Murder (2 counts), Robbery I, Failure to Appear (DUII), Failure to Appear (False Information), Parole Violation, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Attempt to Elude.

Chief David G. Bishop commented: “I am very proud of the efforts by our Traffic Unit and of these officers in educating and protecting the citizens of Beaverton. Their actions demonstrate a commitment to the community in which they work.”